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### 3,337 Make Decisions In Japan Area Crusades

TOKYO (BP)--A total of 3,337 decisions were recorded in area-wide crusades held at five major Japanese cities as a part of the Japan Baptist New Life Movement.

Estimated total attendance for the five big area meetings was 60,000. The big meetings were held in Tokyo, Sapporo, Nagoya, Kokura, and Fukuoka.

Biggest response came at the Tokyo crusade where an estimated 1,630 Japanese made different types of decisions during the five-night meeting.

Campaigns in Sapporo reported 348 decisions; in Nagoya, 430 decisions; in Kokura, 479; and in Fukuoka, 450.

A three-day crusade in Kokura on the island of Kyshu averaged 2,800 attendance every night in spite of cold and rainy weather. On the opening night, 187 made decisions.

Missionary Marion F. Moorehead said it was so cold he was surprised anyone came at all.

During the closing session at Nagoya, about 175 miles west of Tokyo, 4,000 were present and 180 made decisions while it was pouring rain outside. During the opening meeting at Nagoya, people lined up outside Kenayama Gym at 5:30 p.m. in order to get seats for the 6:30 service.

During the area meeting in Fukuoka on the Island of Kyshu, 450 made decisions, including the associate director of the Nippon Philharmonic Orchestra which played at the meeting. Yoichiro Fukunaga said the New Life Movement had completely rejuvenated his life, and he pledged himself to do everything possible to help his small church.

At the area-wide crusade in Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido, six inches of snow fell, but they had 23 professions of faith anyway. The Sapporo meeting opened for three nights and was extended for five additional nights.

After the Sapporo meeting, Noboru Arase, secretary of evangelism for the Japan Baptist Convention, remarked, "What is happening is unbelievable. We can't understand it, but it is wonderful. The only explanation is that God did it."

The New Life Movement is sponsored jointly by the Japan Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

15,000 Expected for SBC  
Evangelism Conference

DALLAS (BP)--More than 15,000 persons are expected here for the Southern Baptist Convention-wide Evangelistic Conference July 2-4.

Principal speakers for the three-day meeting at Dallas Memorial Auditorium will be Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas; and C. E. Autrey, director of the SBC Home Mission Board Division of Evangelism.

Evangelist Billy Graham had earlier been scheduled to speak twice on the program, but was forced to cancel because of illness, reportedly an ulcerated colon.

Criswell and Autrey will speak instead of Graham on the program, which will carry out the theme "Spiritual Conquest . . . Now!"

Those attending the two-day meeting will spend part of Wednesday afternoon, July 3, and all afternoon Thursday, July 4, making personal soul-winning visits in Dallas homes.

They will visit prospects discovered in a recent Dallas County religious survey which revealed names of nearly 325,000 persons who are unchurched in the metropolitan Dallas area.

Conference Director C. Y. Dossey said he hopes every person attending the nation-wide meeting will win at least one person to Christ while in Dallas for the meeting.

Wednesday morning and afternoon sessions, July 3, will be devoted to sectional meetings for pastors and church staffs, church councils and church members, associational officers and denominational leaders.

Evening sessions will begin at 7:00 o'clock Tuesday through Thursday. W. Hines Sims of the SBC Sunday School Board and Dick Baker, music evangelist, will direct the music for the meeting.

Other speakers include Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; Jimmy Karam, clothing store owner from Little Rock, Ark.; and Joe Blinco, member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic team.

Hotel and motel rooms are available by writing "Convention Housing Bureau, Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Southern Baptist Convention-wide Evangelistic Conference, 1507 Pacific Avenue, Dallas 1, Texas.

All correspondence regarding room reservations should be directed to the Housing Bureau, NOT the hotel or motel, conference officials said.

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Hardin-Simmons Announces  
Administrative Changes

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ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Several changes in assignments for administrative officers of Hardin-Simmons University here were announced by President James H. Landes ten days after assuming the presidency of the Baptist school.

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William S. Mathis, acting academic dean at Hardin-Simmons for the past nine months and a faculty member for seven years, was named dean of faculties. Mathis had earlier served as dean of the school of music.

William O. Beazley, who had served as director of institutional services at Hardin-Simmons, was shifted to new responsibilities as director of student life and admissions. He will also be responsible for recruitment, counseling and orientation.

Byron Bryant, director of public relations, was named director of religious activities. He will be responsible for all student religious activities, chapel programs, and special religious emphasis programs.

Wayland Yates, director of the school's news bureau, was named director of an enlarged office of public information which will handle all non-academic university publications, promotional materials, news, and advertising.

Alumni affairs directed by Kenneth Hill will be under the Hardin-Simmons vice president for development, Lee Hemphill.

Student loans and scholarships (except endowed scholarships) will be the responsibility of W. T. Walton, vice president and director of summer sessions.

Two other administrative officers, Executive Vice President George L. Graham and Controller E. W. Bailey, will continue their present assignments, Landes announced.

The new Hardin-Simmons president is the former pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., and is immediate past president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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ABC-TV To Feature Cowboy  
Religious Life Program

(4-12-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--"A Cowboy Legacy," the story of the religious life of the American cowboy, will be featured on the American Broadcasting Company's weekly religious television program "Directions '63" in two 30-minute episodes, Sunday April 21 and April 28.

The program was produced jointly by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here and ABC-TV.

The two-program series tells of the cowboy's need to worship with his own kind of people and to talk about God in his own language, and features Joe Evans of El Paso, a cowboy who attended the first cowboy camp meetings in the Big Bend country of Texas in 1890.

Evans, who ultimately became a cowboy camp meeting preacher, appears on part of the program to tell a fascinating story of a now almost extinct breed of man.

Pictures of western life as captured by Frederick Remington, Charles Russell and other artists of that day are used in the two-part documentary through the courtesy of Thomas Gilcrease Institute of Art and American History, Tulsa, Okla.

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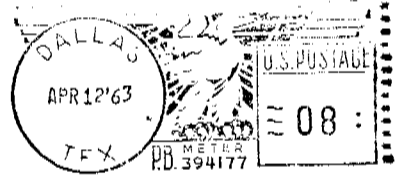
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Dear Yoke Fellow:

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Church Music Conference -- Gomer Lesch, Nashville

Ministers' Wives' Tea -- Mrs. Agnes Ford, Nashville

Layman's Breakfast -- Jennings

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Each of you--this letter is going to each person named above--has been informed individually about what you will need to write as daily newspaper leads and weekly roundups on your special assignment. If you are still standing by for a firm assignment, you will be given word on deadlines along with your assignment.

All copy should be submitted to Roy Jennings, or, in his absence from the press room, Theo Sommerkamp. Coverage of the Convention proper will be on spot assignment basis from session to session.

The press room will be located on the mezzanine balcony above and to the side of the exhibit area. We hope it is in a much less public location than our San Francisco site turned out to be. Thank you for working with us.

Sincerely,



Theo Sommerkamp